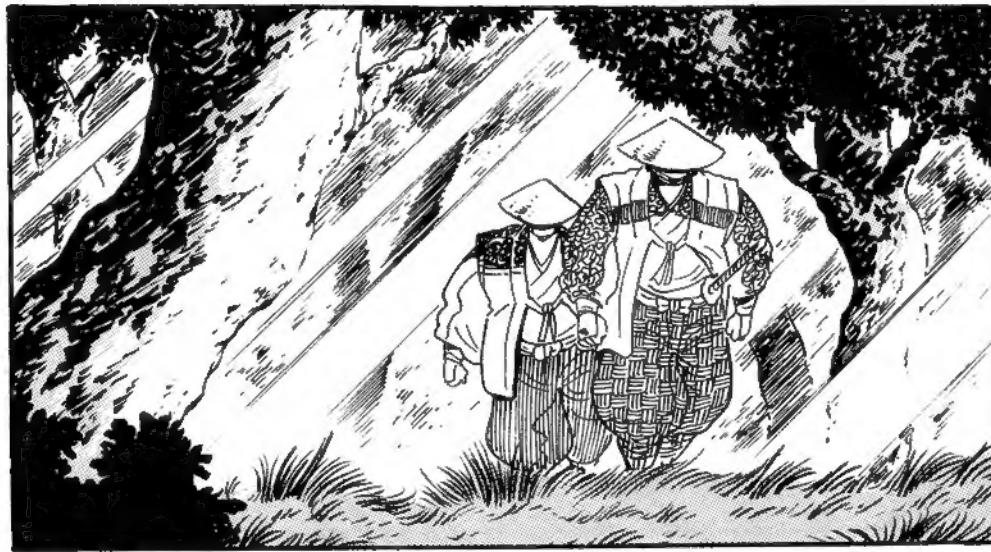
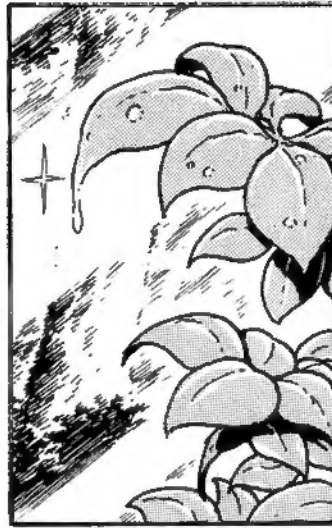
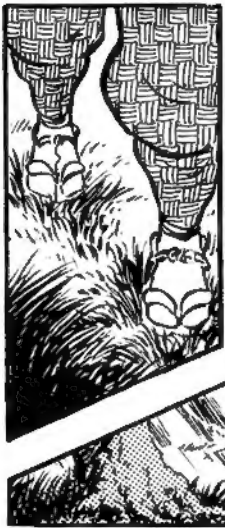




WE
MUST
HAVE
ALREADY
COME
THIS
WAY.

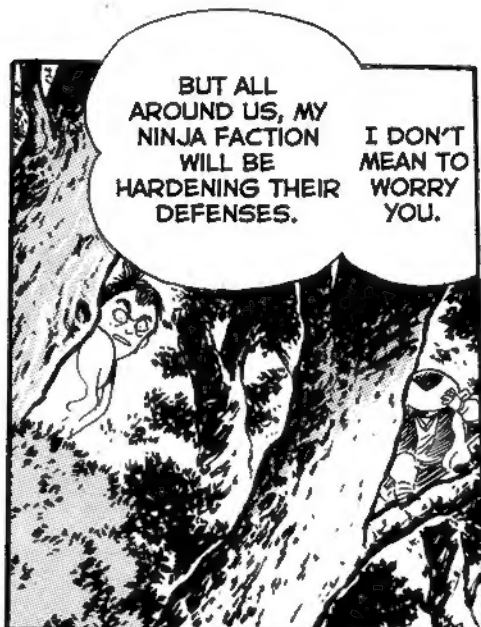
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REMEMBER
SEEING
THAT TWIN-
FORKED
TREE
BEFORE.

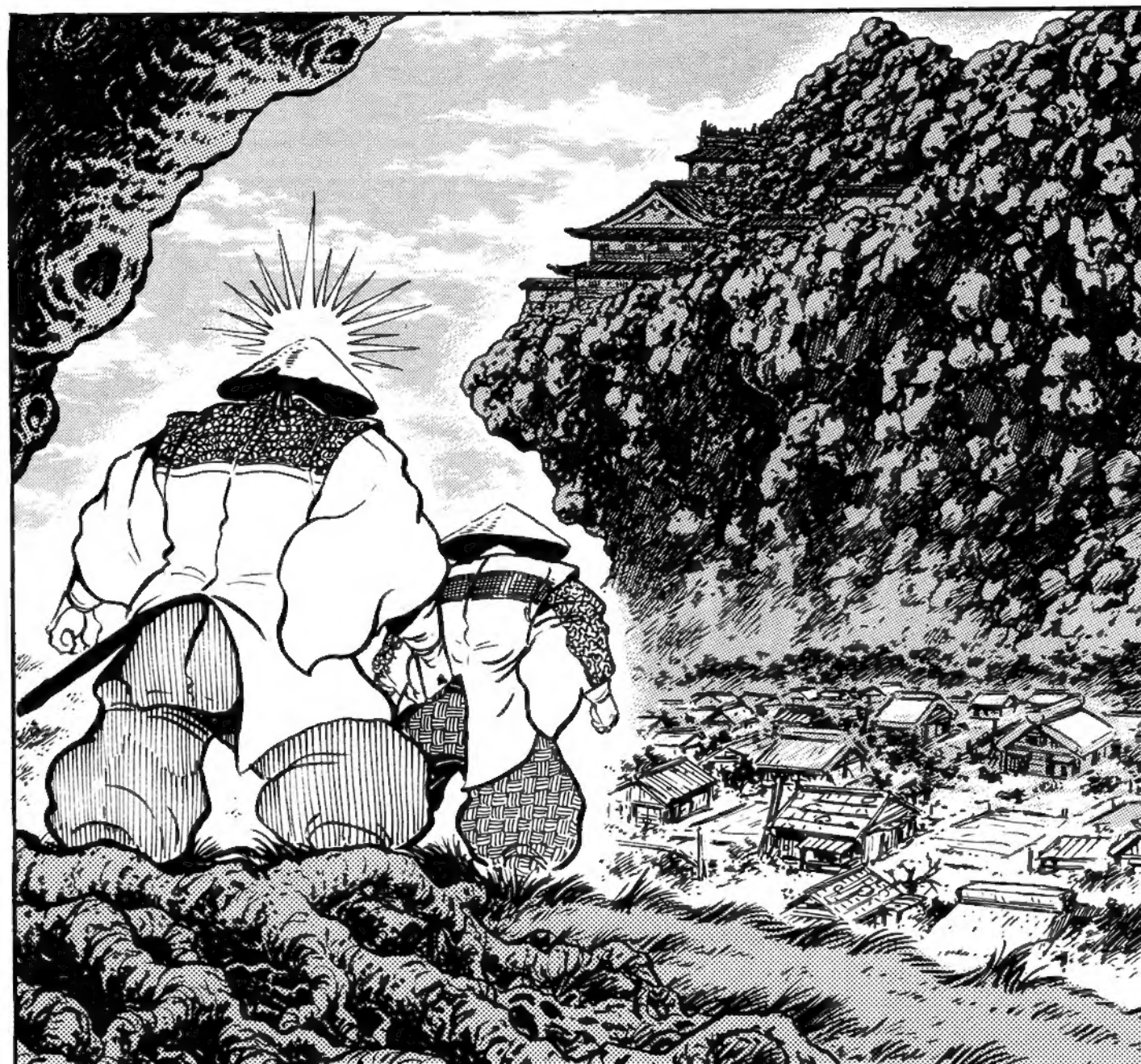
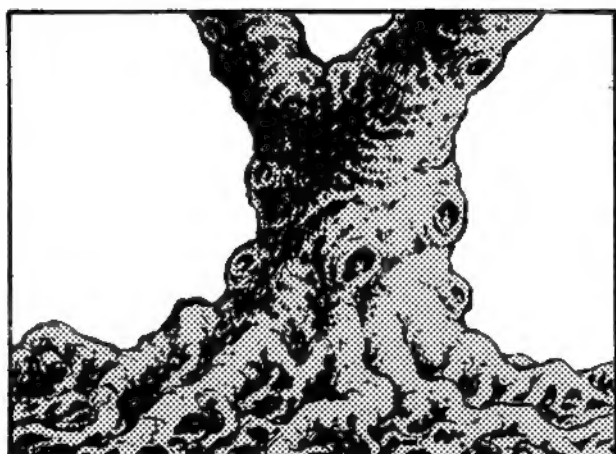


!!

MY
LORD.







I'M SURE THIS
IS THE ROUTE
WE TOOK
WHEN WE
KEPT CIRCLING
BACK.....

!?

IT
CAN'T
BE.

WHAT
IS
THIS
!?

THEN
SANADA'S
DEMONS
HAVE
ALREADY
MADE IT
THIS FAR.

KURYUU
CASTLE

AHH



ARE YOU WITH
THIS SCUM
THEY CALL
SANADA'S TEN
BRAVES!?



STRANGERS...
AREN'T
WELCOME
HERE!!



IF THINGS
ARE LEFT
UNCHECKED...
JAPAN IS
GOING TO BE
WIPED OUT.
I BEG YOU.
ALLOW ME TO
MEET WITH
THE GREAT
LORD!!

I'VE COME
HOPING TO
BORROW
THE POWER
OF THE
KURYUU!!

I AM
CALLED
IEYASU
TOKU-
GAWA!!



HANZOU,
DON'T
MAKE ANY
RECKLESS
MOVES.

MY
LORD!!

IEYASU
TOKUGAWA
.....

IEYASU.







YOU.....
MAKE
HANZOU
HATTORI
OUT TO
BE A
FOOL.

FEEL
FREE
TO KILL
ME?



WHA-

IF HE MOVES
EVEN ONE
STEP PAST
THIS PLACE,
FEEL FREE TO
KILL HIM.

WATCH
THIS
MAN.

YUP
YUP.

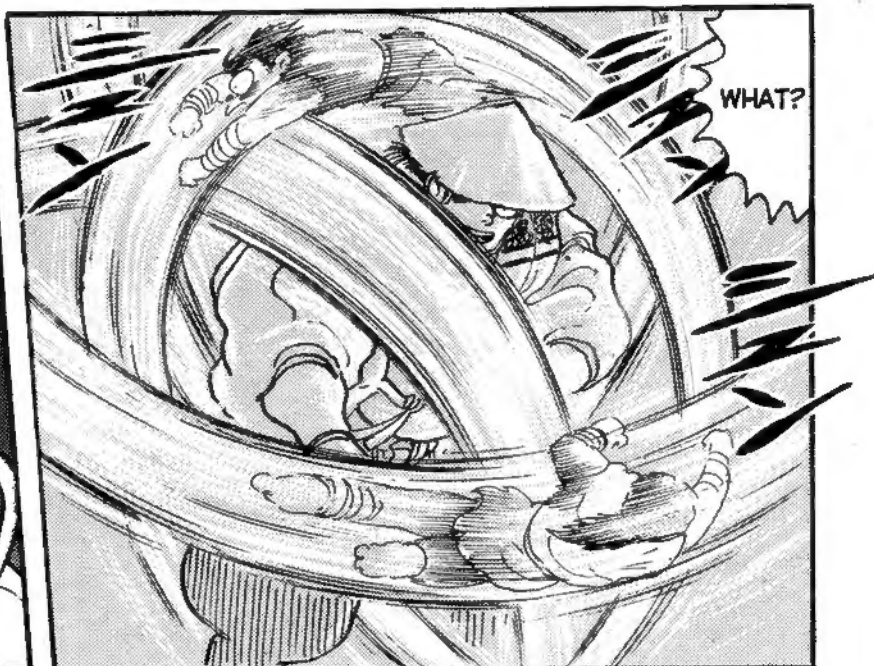


HE
MOVED.

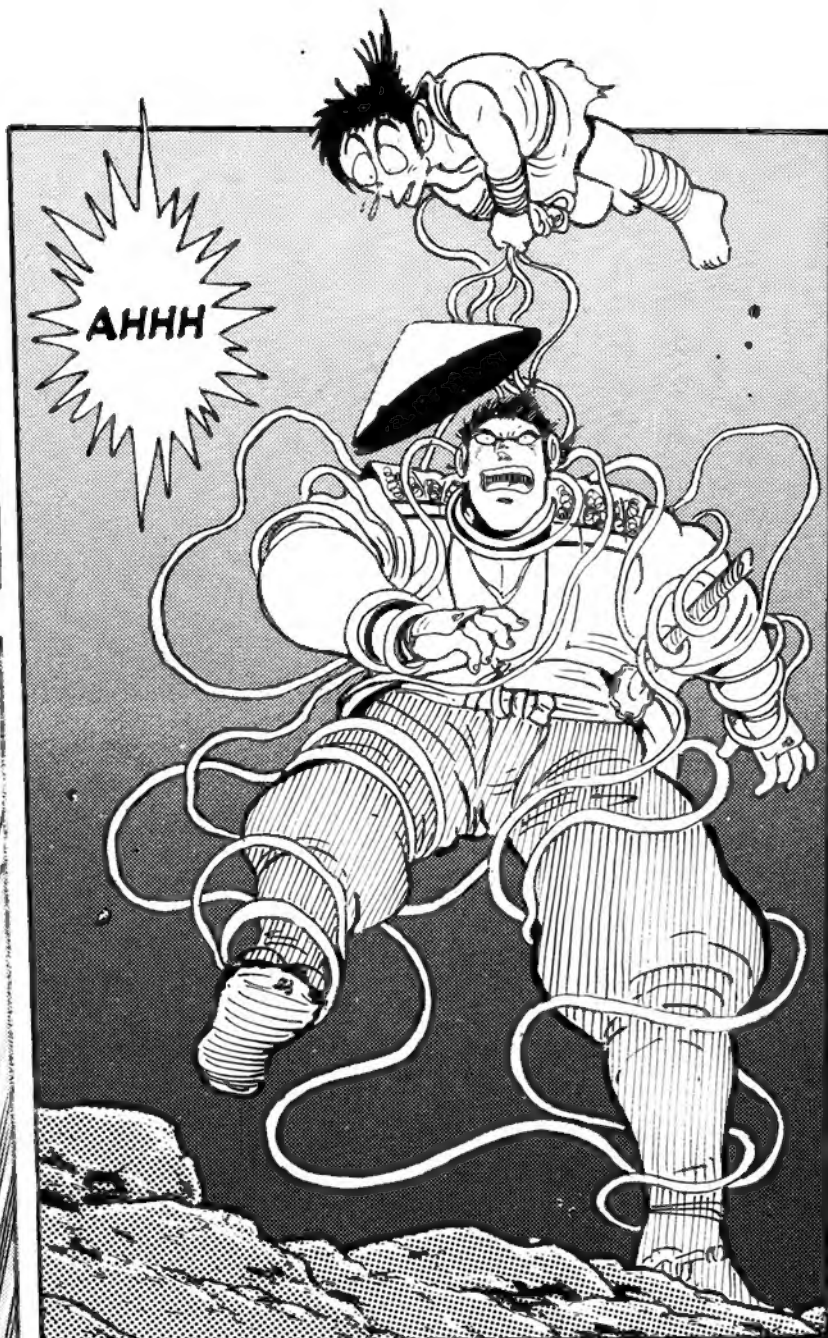
I DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY OF
YOU PEOPLE
THERE ARE,
BUT HANZOU IS
NO MORE...



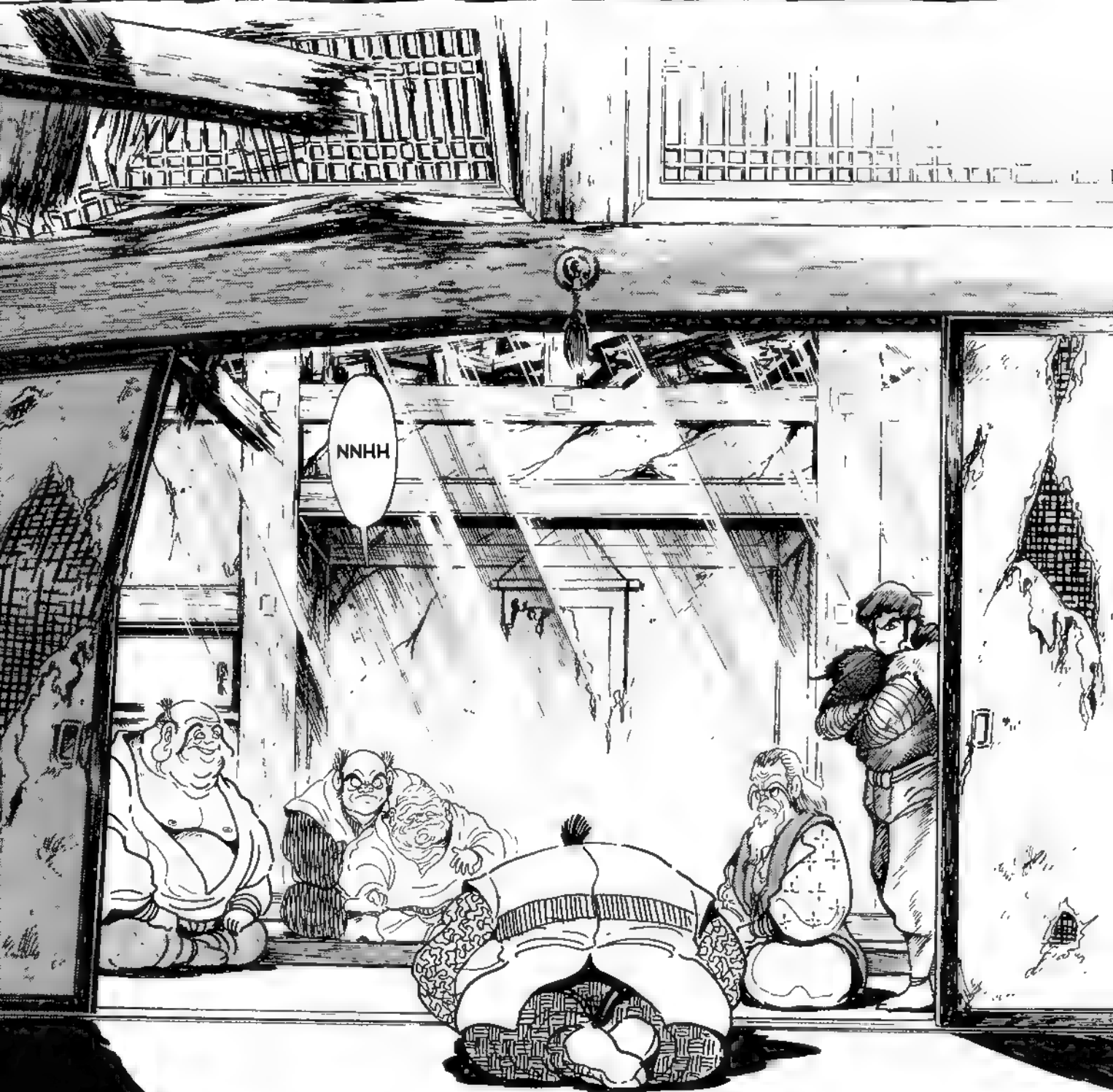
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WHAT?



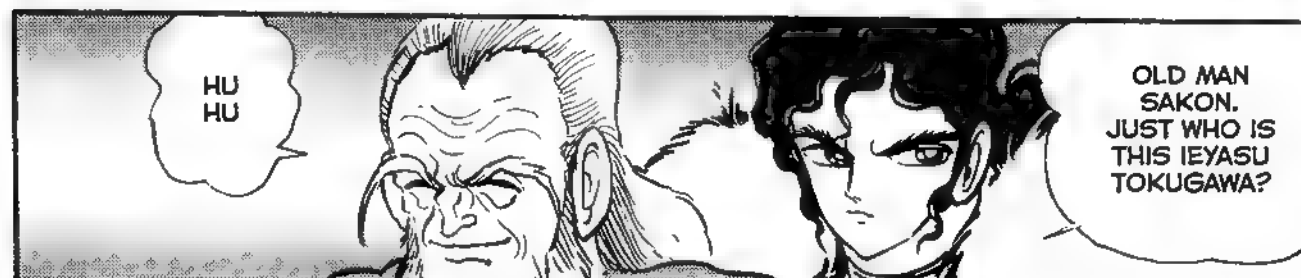
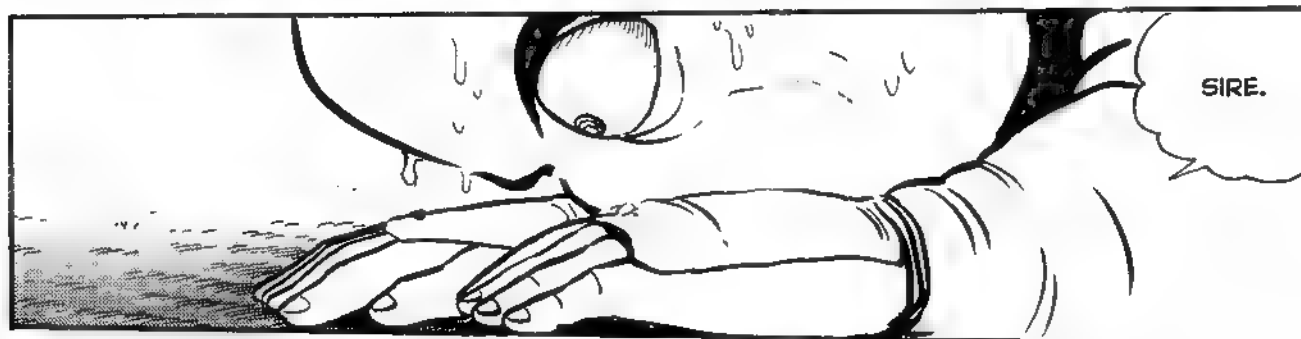
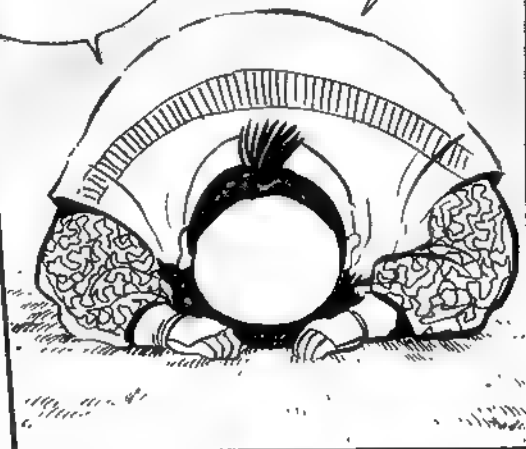


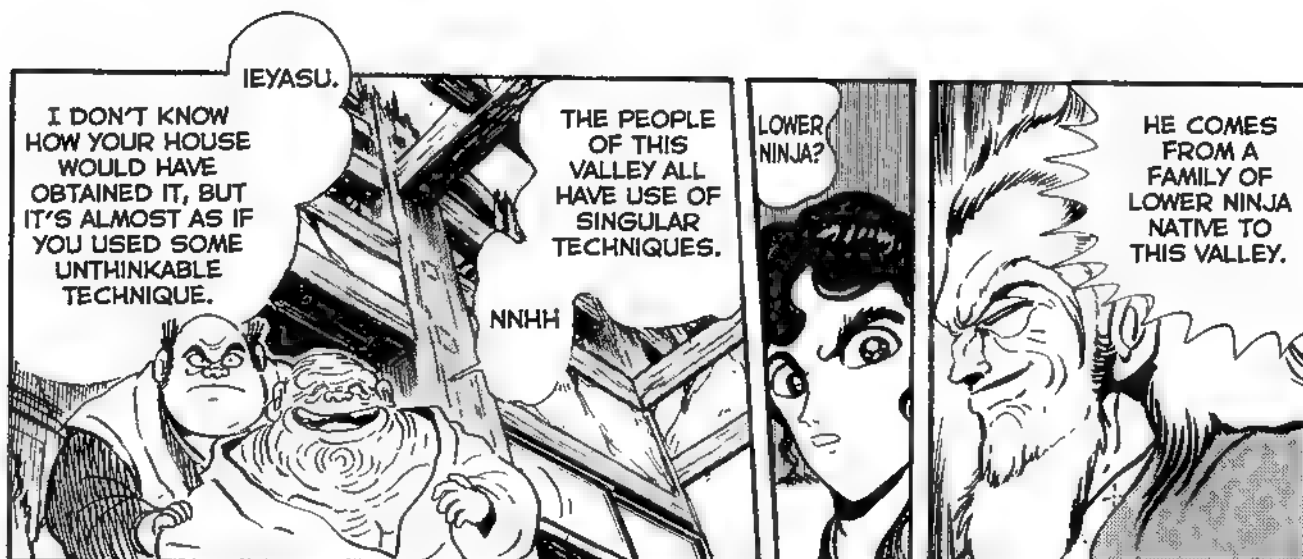




I AM GLAD
TO SEE THAT
YOU ARE
DOING WELL.

MY GREAT LORD
AND MASTER.
IT HAS BEEN A
VERY LONG TIME.





IEYASU.

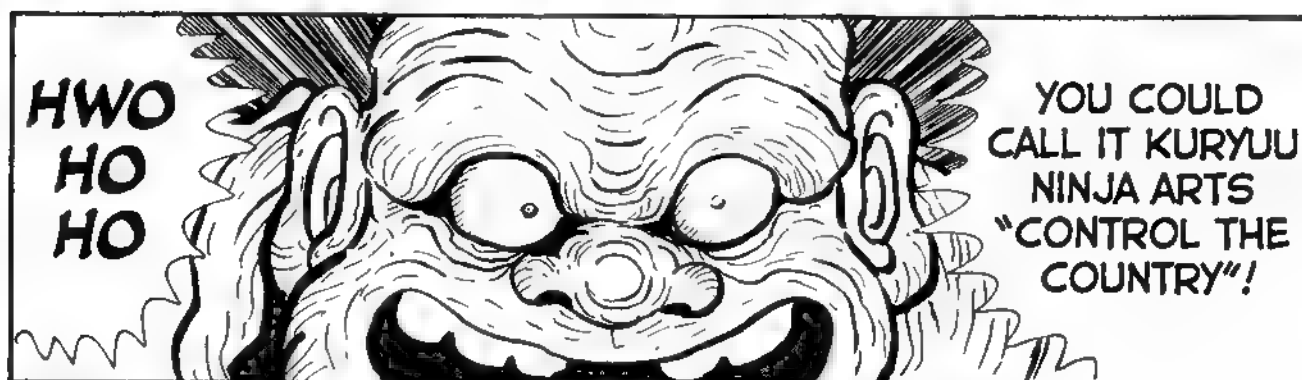
I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOUR HOUSE
WOULD HAVE
OBTAINED IT, BUT
IT'S ALMOST AS IF
YOU USED SOME
UNTHINKABLE
TECHNIQUE.

THE PEOPLE
OF THIS
VALLEY ALL
HAVE USE OF
SINGULAR
TECHNIQUES.

LOWER
NINJA?

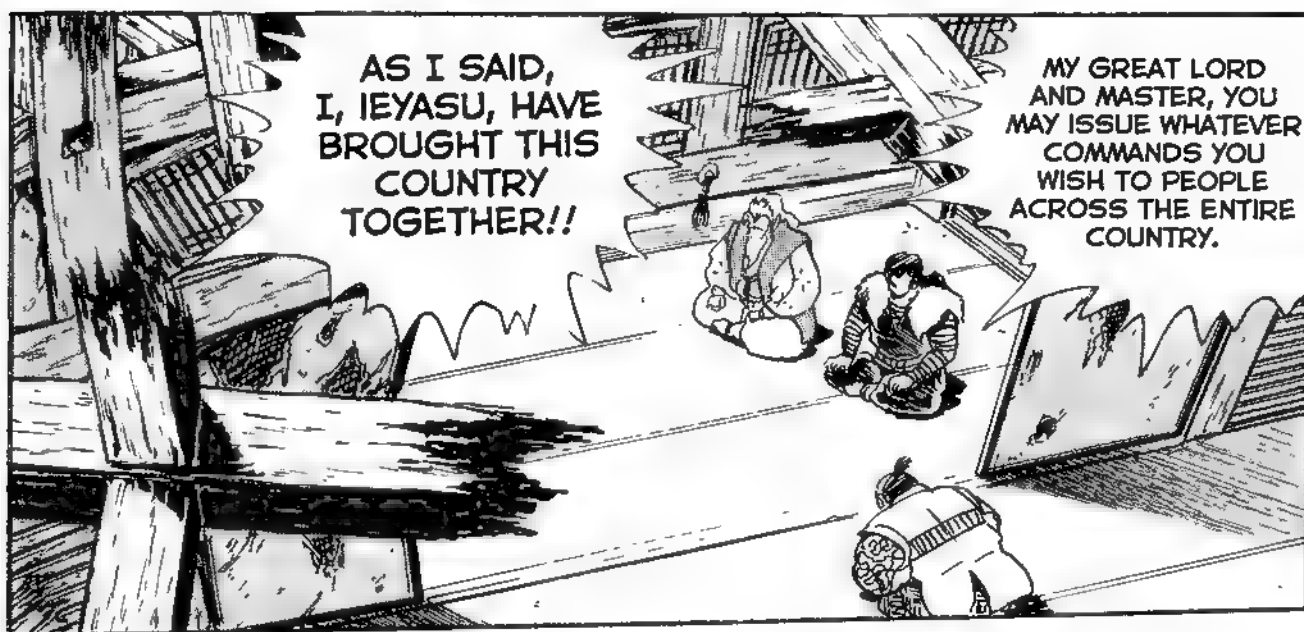
HE COMES
FROM A
FAMILY OF
LOWER NINJA
NATIVE TO
THIS VALLEY.

NNHH



HWO
HO
HO

YOU COULD
CALL IT KURYUU
NINJA ARTS
"CONTROL THE
COUNTRY"!



AS I SAID,
I, IEYASU, HAVE
BROUGHT THIS
COUNTRY
TOGETHER!!

MY GREAT LORD
AND MASTER, YOU
MAY ISSUE WHATEVER
COMMANDS YOU
WISH TO PEOPLE
ACROSS THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY.



WE'RE
NOT REALLY
INTERESTED
IN THE WHOLE
COUNTRY, OR
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT.

UNFORTU-
NATELY,
THOUGH-







HOW OLD
HAVE
YOU
BECOME?

MIROKU,
EXACTLY--
NNHH



TEN
AND
EIGHT
YEARS,
SIR.



HWH

HWH



WANT
TO KNOW
ABOUT
WHAT
THEY ARE
.....

LIVING
BEINGS
WILL
ALWAYS
...



MIROKU.

BUT...



STILL
AWFULLY
EARLY
.....

EIGH-
TEEN,
THEN
...



SIR--

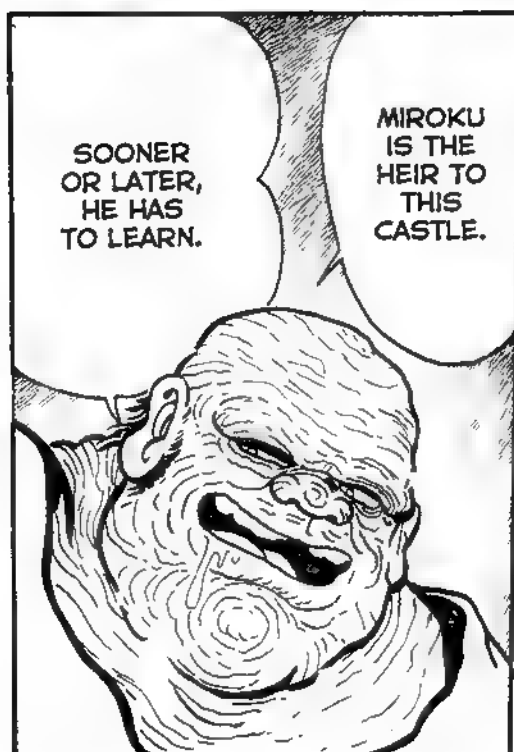
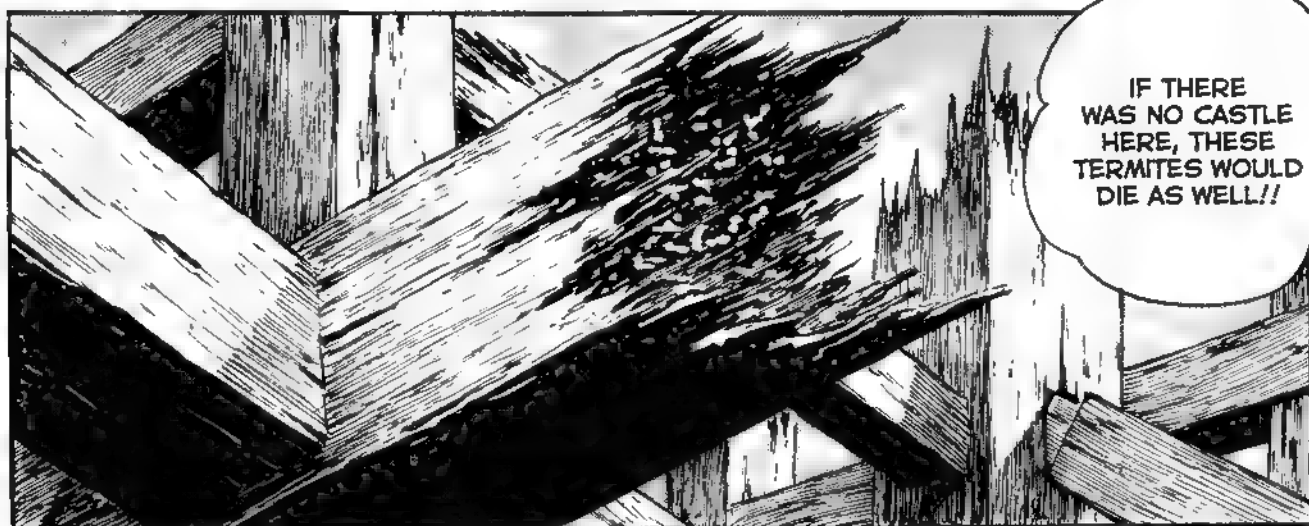
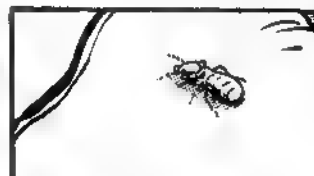
IT BRINGS
THINGS OUT
IN PEOPLE.
DESIRES FOR
THINGS, LIKE
THIS WHOLE
COUNTRY.

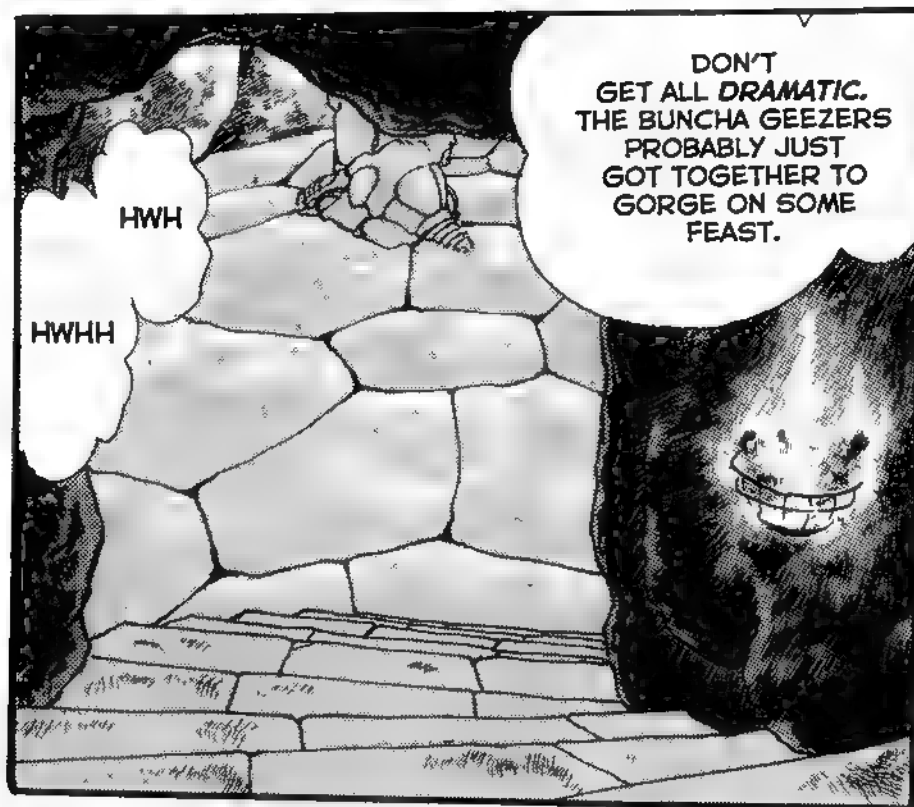
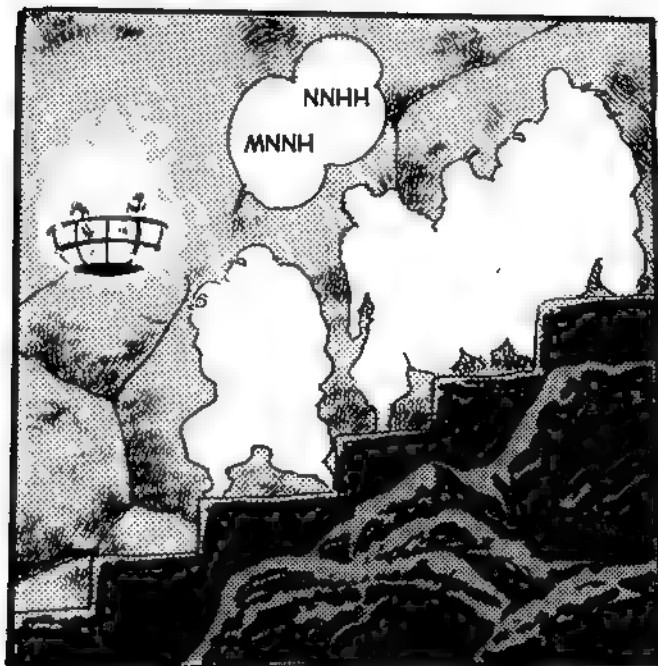
WHEN
THEY
KNOW--



BUT THERE'RE
LOTS OF THINGS
THEY'RE JUST
BEST OFF NOT
KNOWIN'.

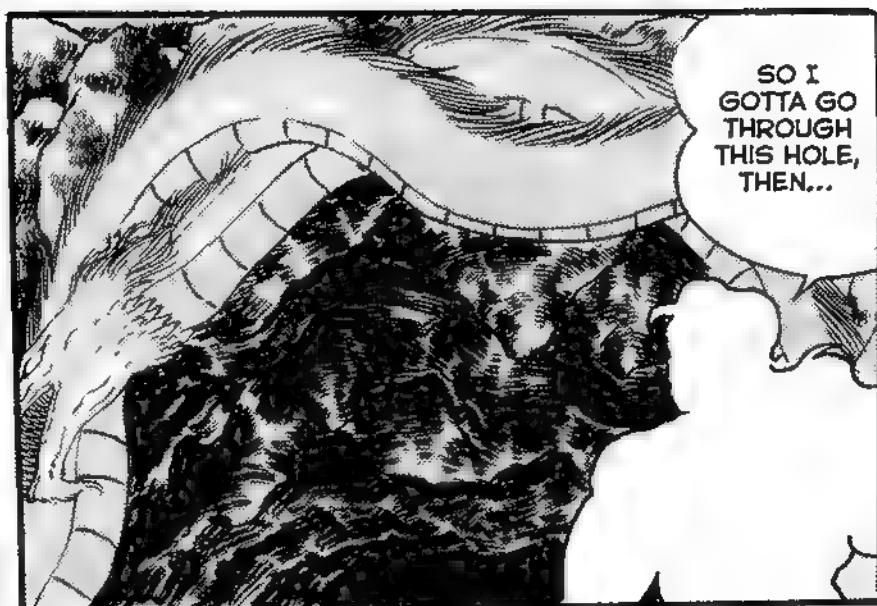










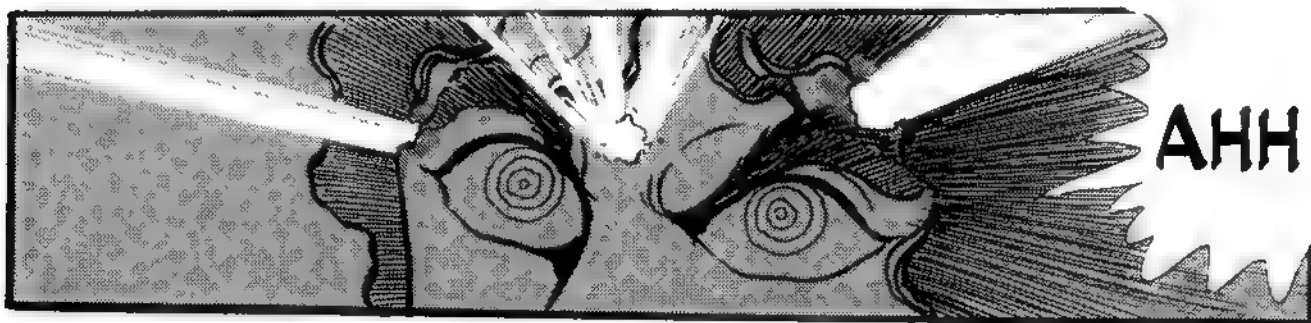
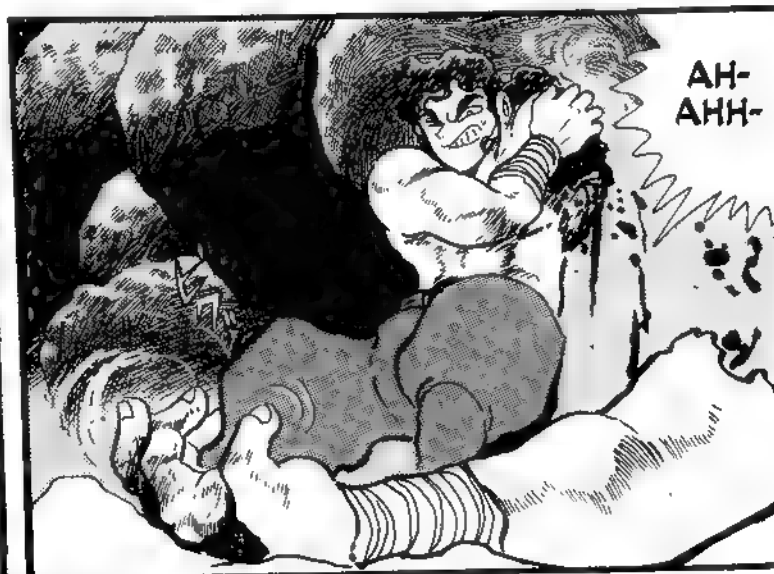


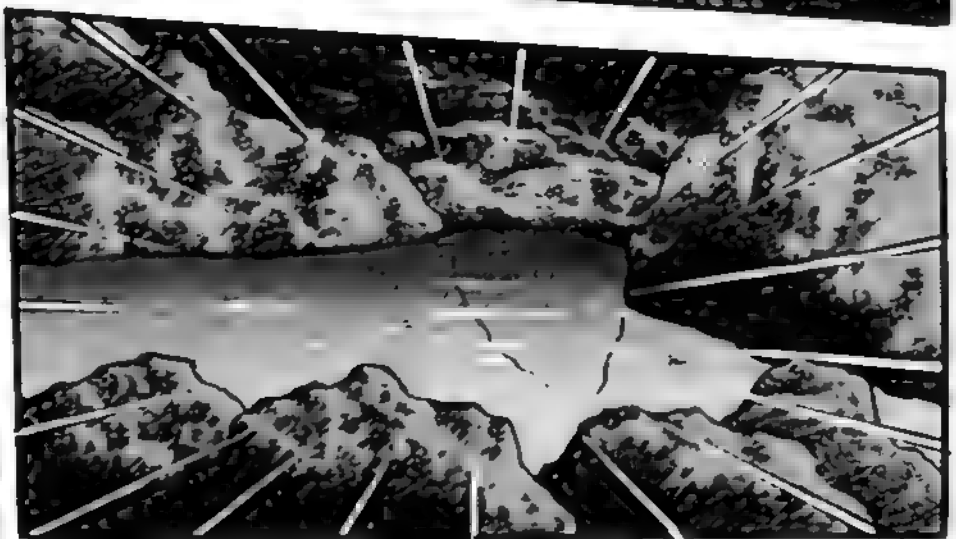


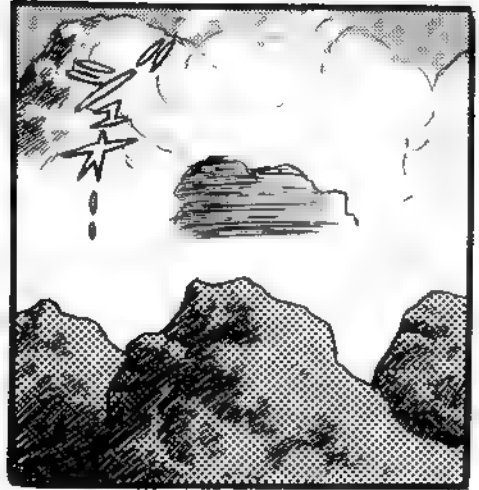


WHAT THE HELL'S THIS...?









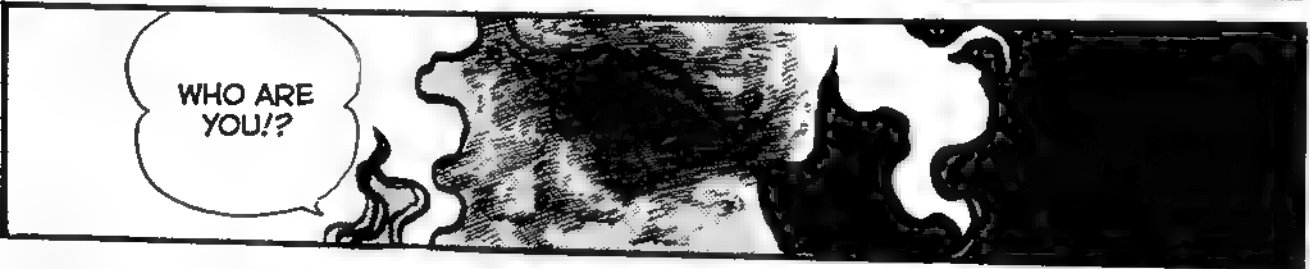
**GET
OUT!**



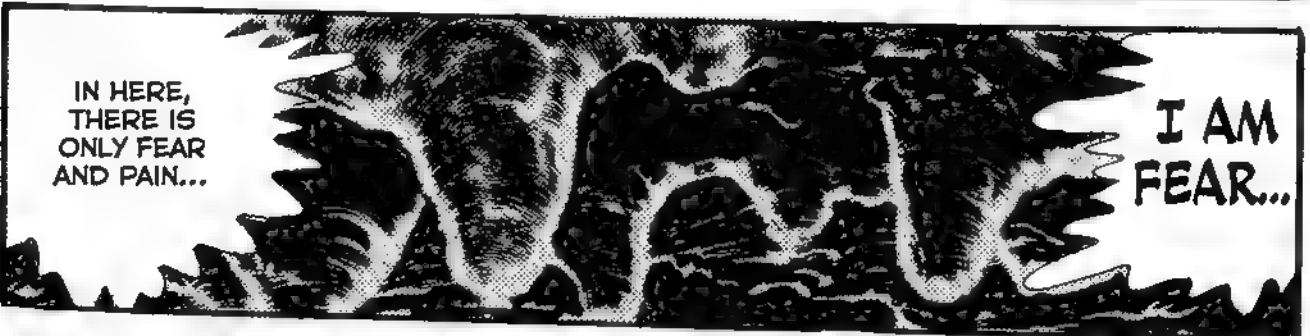
GO NOW,
AND YOU'LL
AT LEAST
SAVE YOUR
LIFE!!

GET
OUT.

IT IS TOO
SOON...
FOR ONE LIKE
YOU TO COME
HERE...



WHO ARE
YOU!?



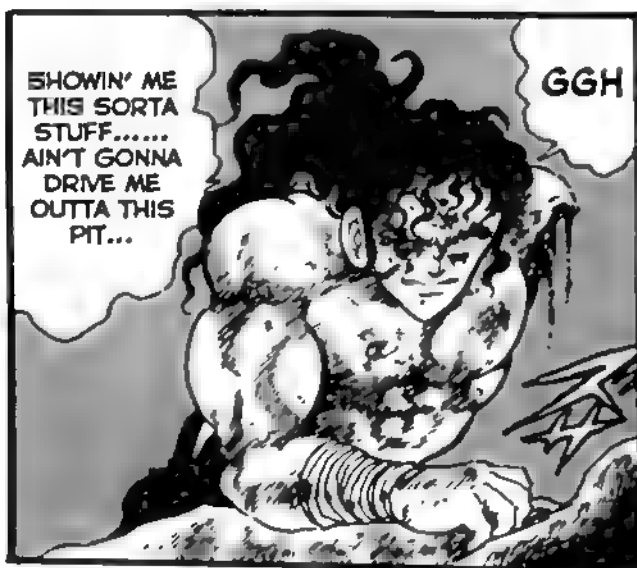
IN HERE,
THERE IS
ONLY FEAR
AND PAIN...

**I AM
FEAR...**

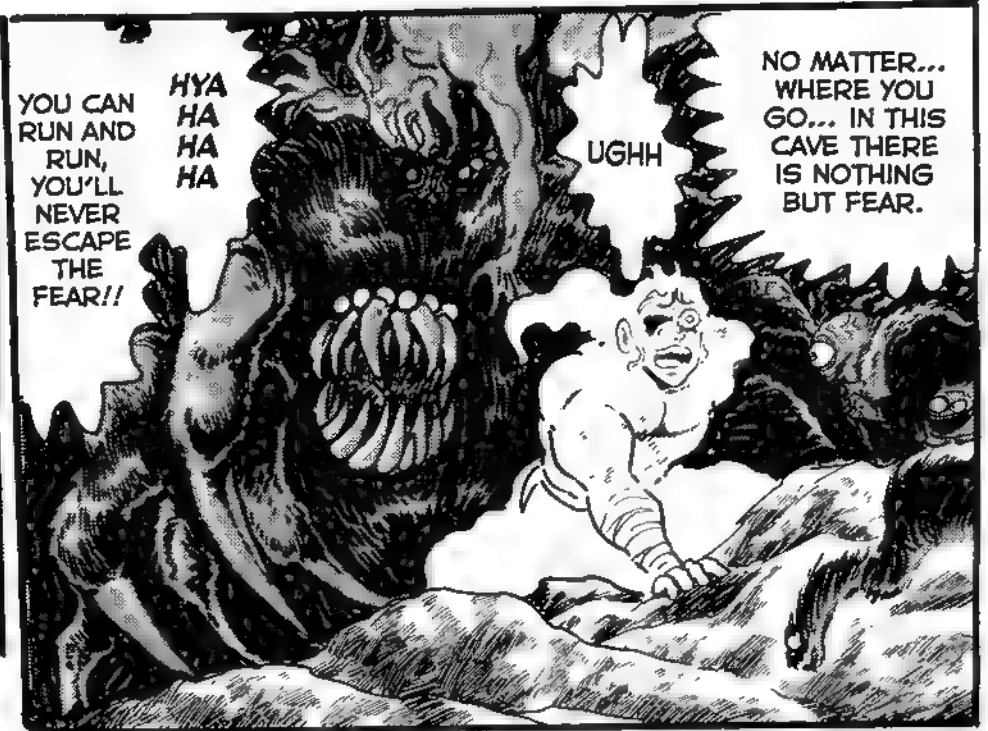
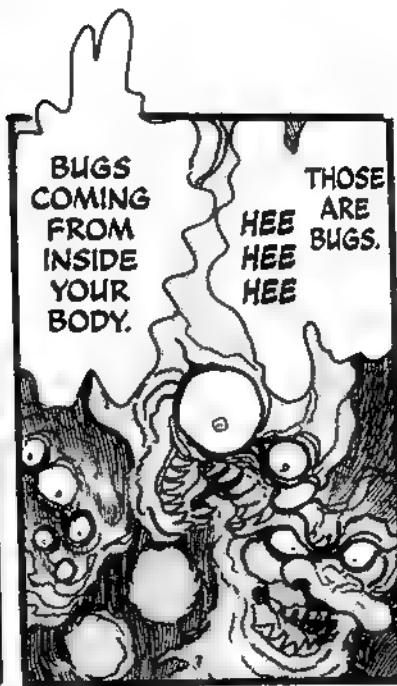


HOWEVER...
THE FEAR THAT
COMES NEXT...
WILL WIN...

RIGHT NOW
YOU'RE DOING
WELL, IGNORING
YOUR PAIN...

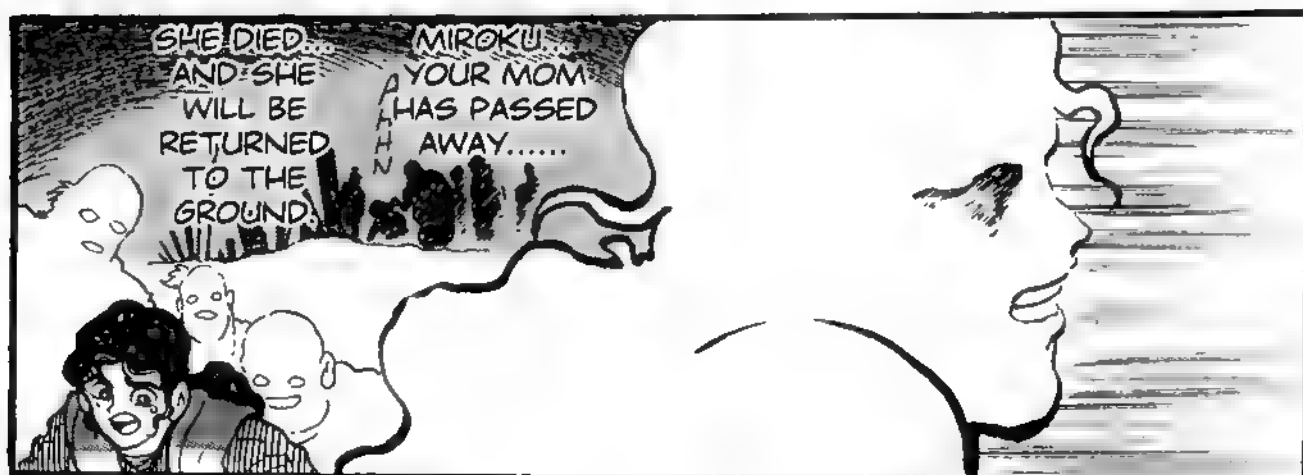








MOM.



SHE DIED...
AND SHE
WILL BE
RETURNED
TO THE
GROUND.

MIROKU...
YOUR MOM
HAS PASSED
AWAY.....

GET HER
OUT OF THE
GROUND...

IF YOU BURY HER IN
THE GROUND WITH
THE BUGS..... THEY'LL
EAT HER!!



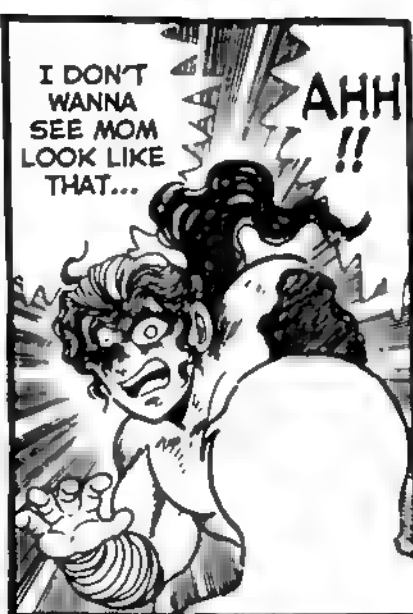
THIS
FEARS ONE--
THE
SIGHT OF
HIS OWN
MOTHER
!!

WAAAAHA,
WHAT A
SURPRISE!!

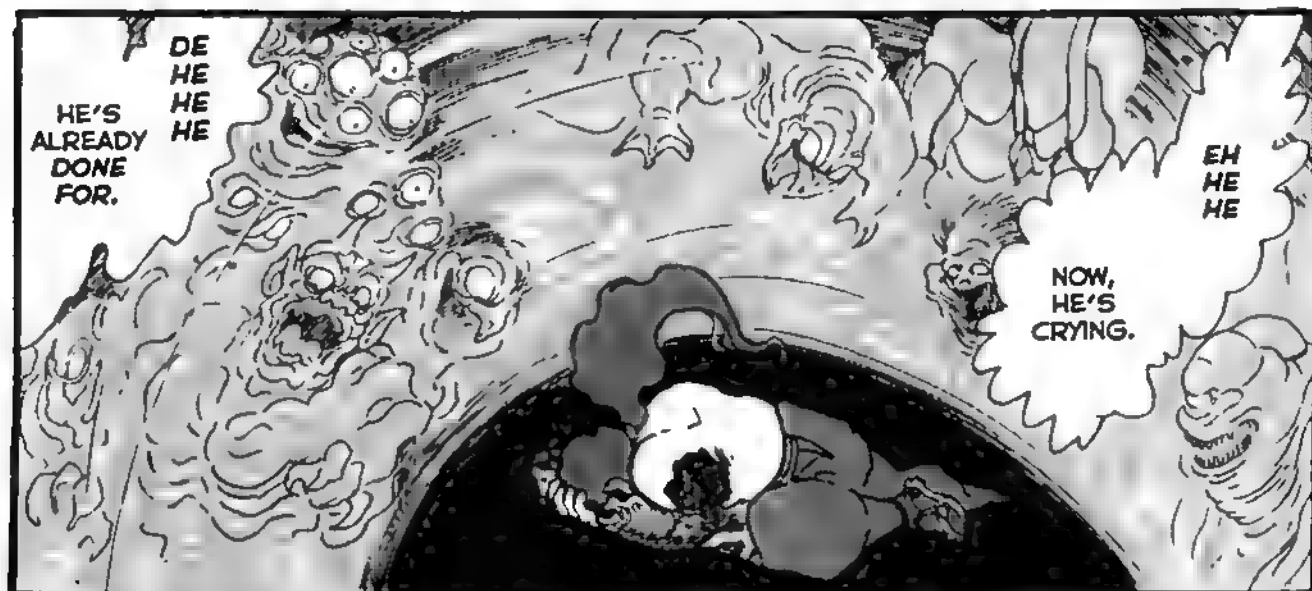


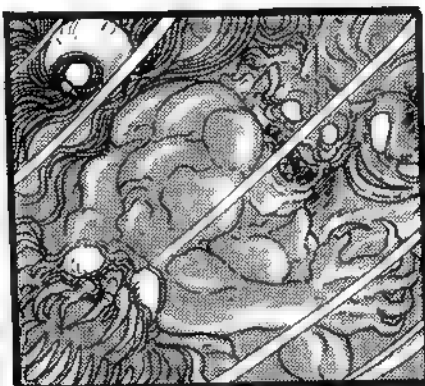
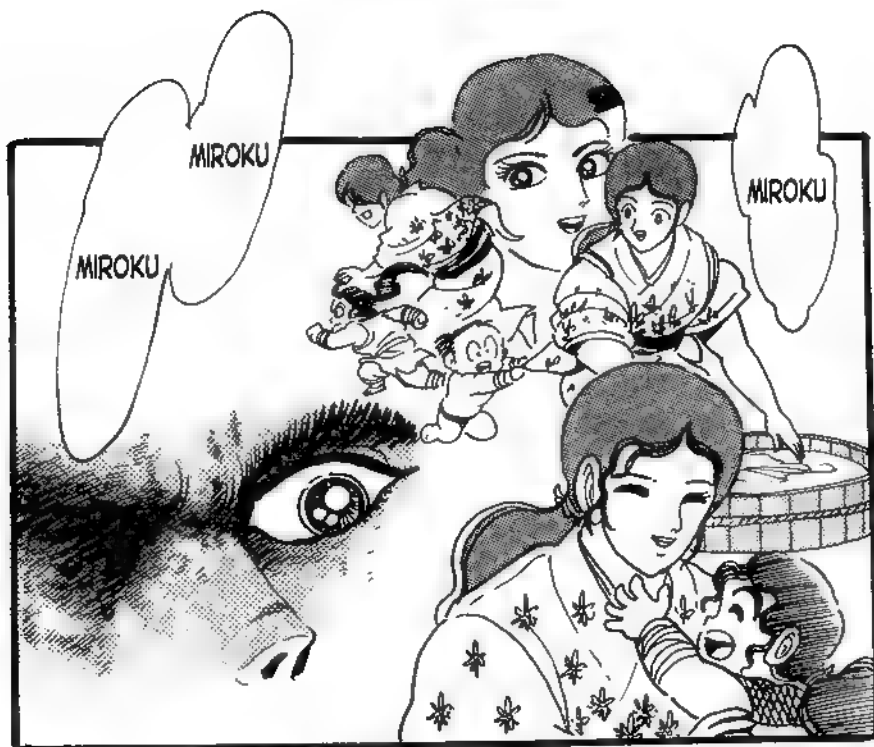


MIROKU



AHH !!





I FELT THAT
SAME FEAR
THE TIME
I HURT MY
RIGHT EYE.

IT FELT
LIKE MY
BODY WAS
ON FIRE.
I THOUGHT
I WAS
GONNA
LOSE MY
HAND.

MOM...
ONCE, WHEN
I WAS LITTLE,
I GOT A
TERRIBLE
BURN ON MY
LEFT ARM.



FEARS.

THESE
FEARS
...



IT ALL
HEALED.



BUT THAT'S
ALL IN THE
PAST, NOW.



YEAH, MOM...
YOU'LL
ALWAYS...
BE ALIVE AND
BEAUTIFUL IN
MY HEART.

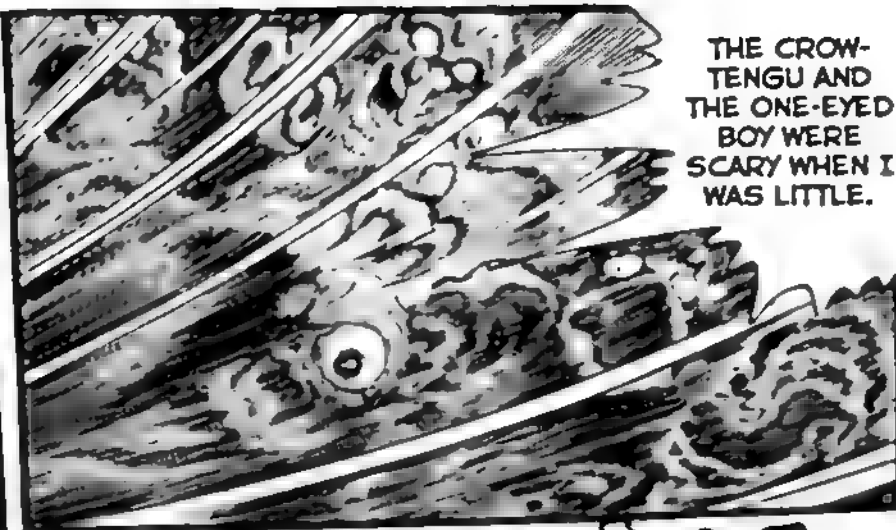


MIROKU



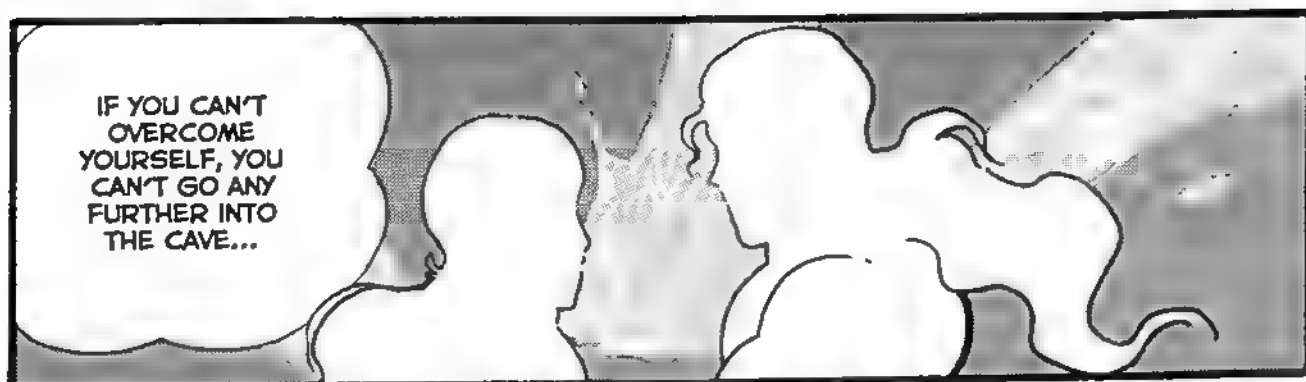


BUT NOW...
THEY CAN'T
SCARE ME!!

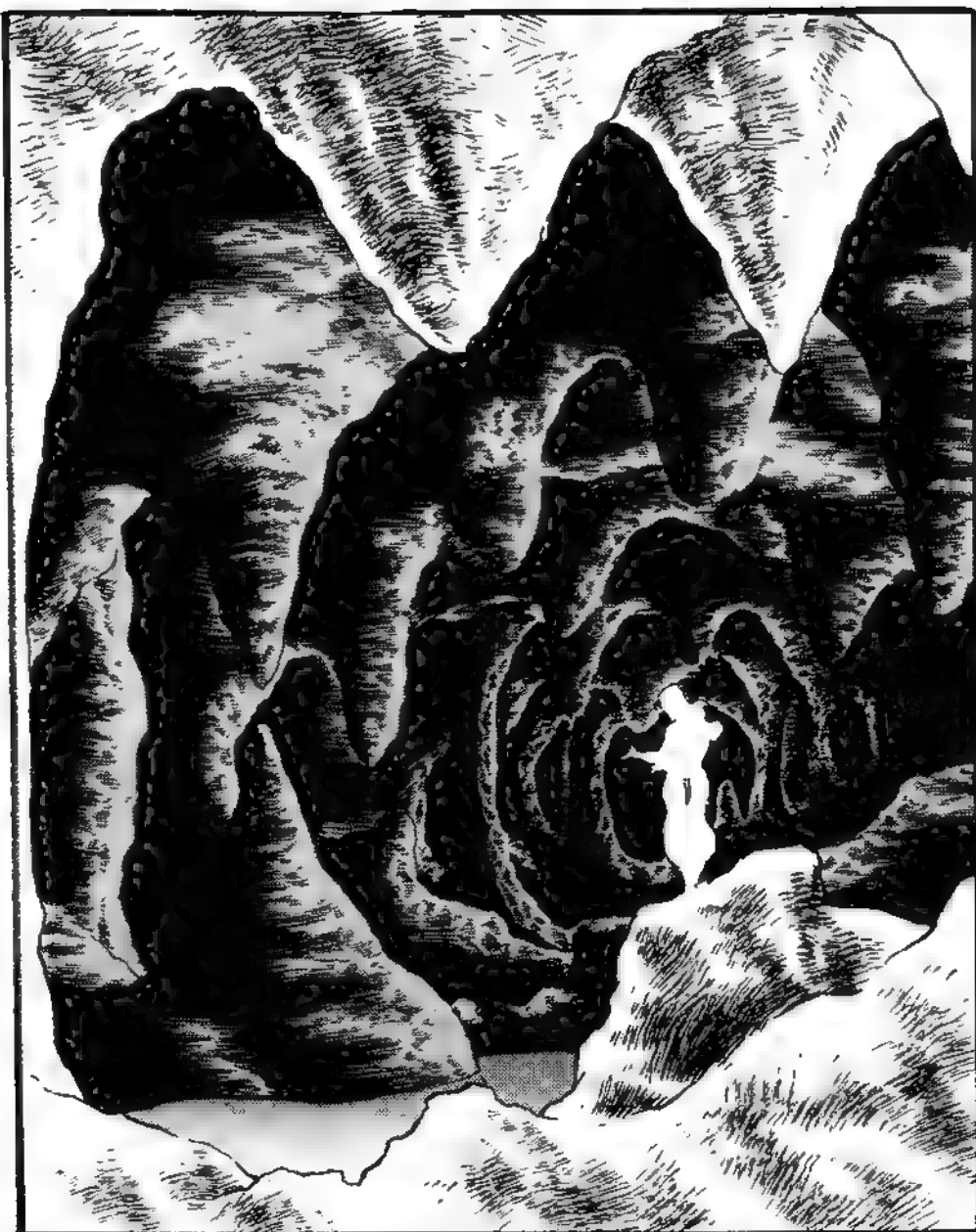


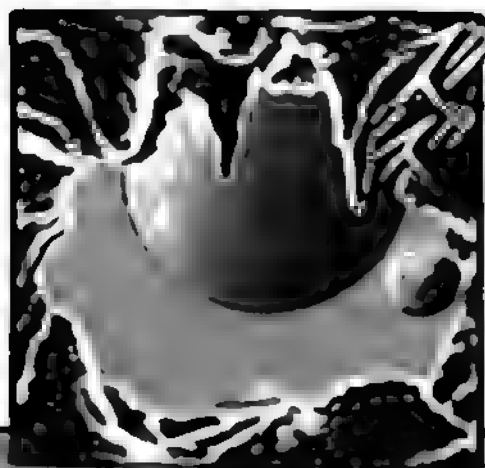
THE CROW-
TENGU AND
THE ONE-EYED
BOY WERE
SCARY WHEN I
WAS LITTLE.



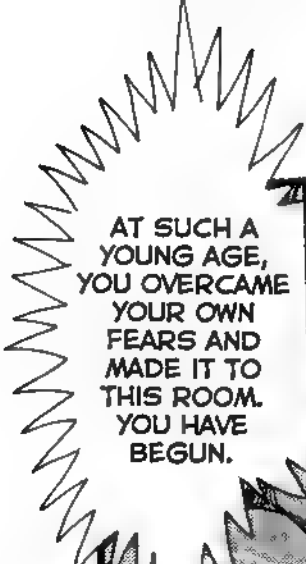


THERE'S
NOTHING
LEFT TO BE
AFRAID OF.





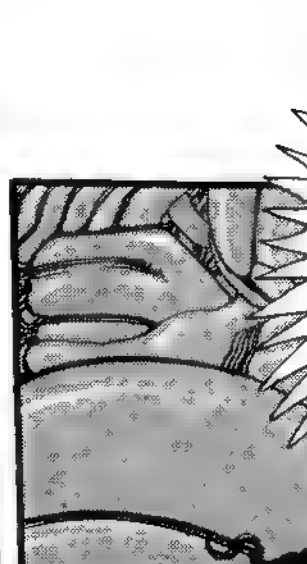




AT SUCH A
YOUNG AGE,
YOU OVERCAME
YOUR OWN
FEARS AND
MADE IT TO
THIS ROOM.
YOU HAVE
BEGUN.



MIROKU,
YOU DID
WELL TO
COME
THIS FAR.



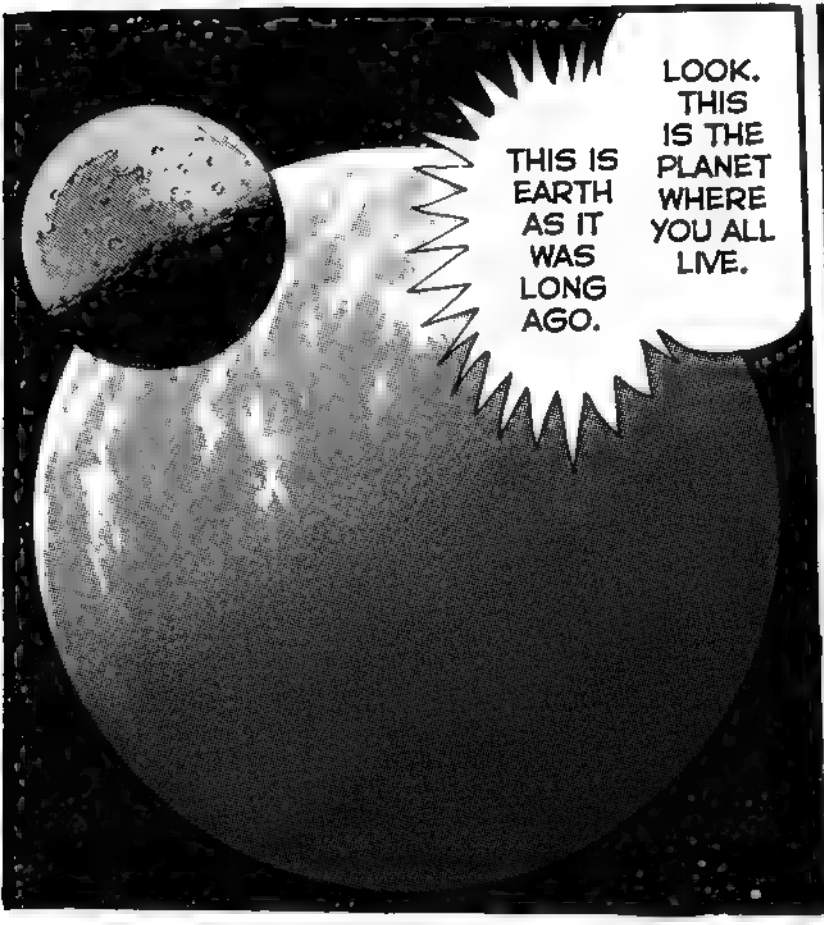
HUH?



THIS
IS--



WHO ARE
YOU...!?



THIS IS
EARTH
AS IT
WAS
LONG
AGO.

LOOK.
THIS
IS THE
PLANET
WHERE
YOU ALL
LIVE.



I AM...
THE SHIP'S...
NAVIGATOR...

I WAIT IN
THIS ROOM...
ALWAYS
PREPARED
TO ANSWER
THOSE WHO
COME.



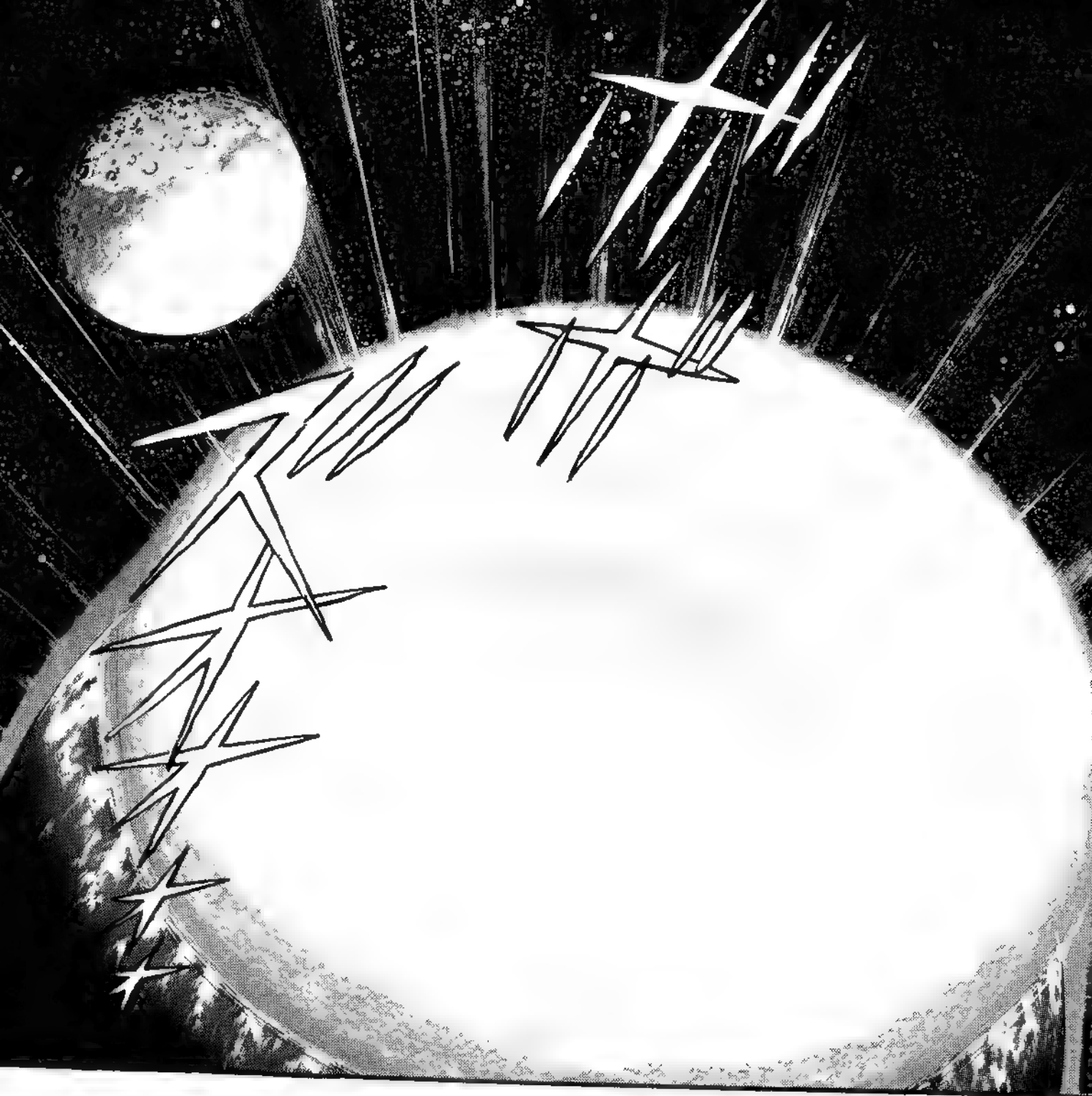
NABI...
GEHTAA?

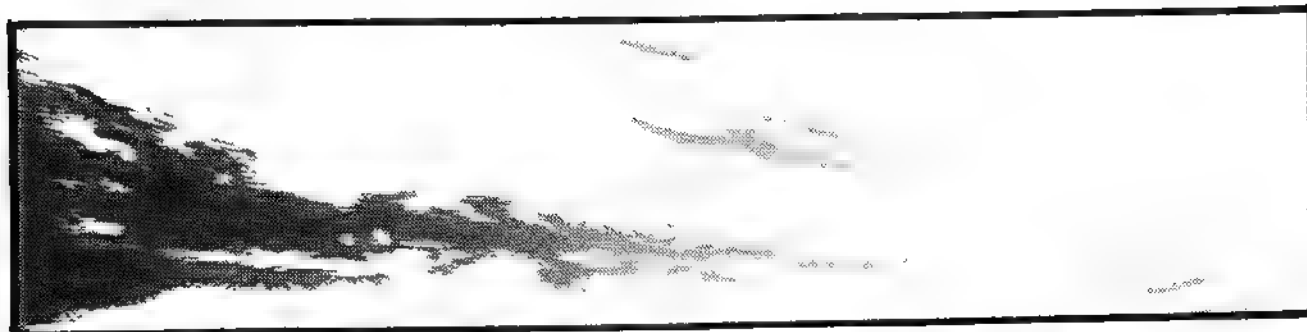
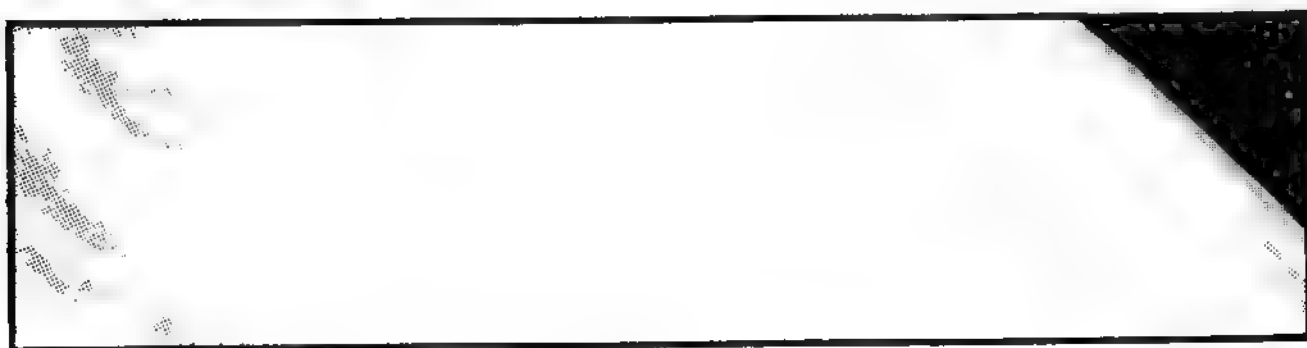


BACK WHEN
I ALMOST
TOOK OVER
YUKIMURA'S
CONCIOUS-
NESS...
THIS WAS--

EXACTLY
WHAT
I SAW!!

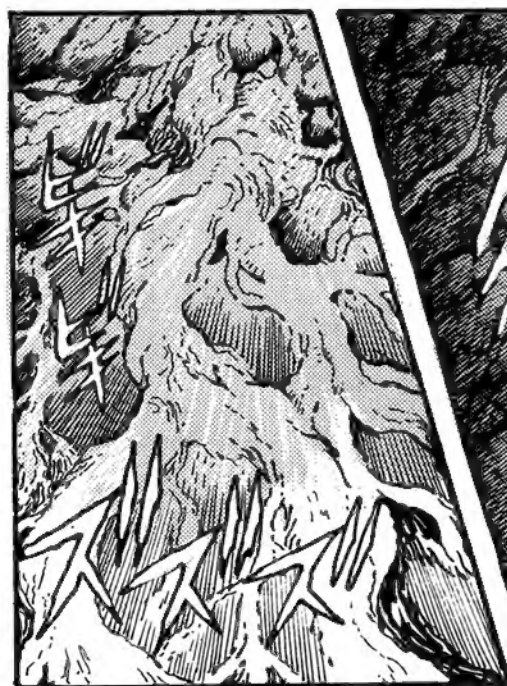
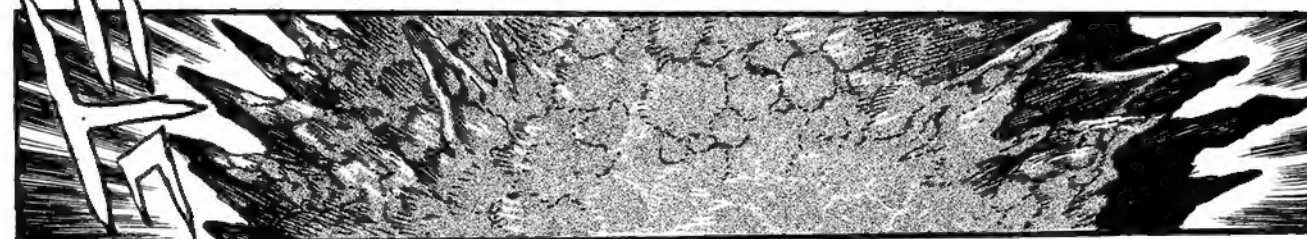
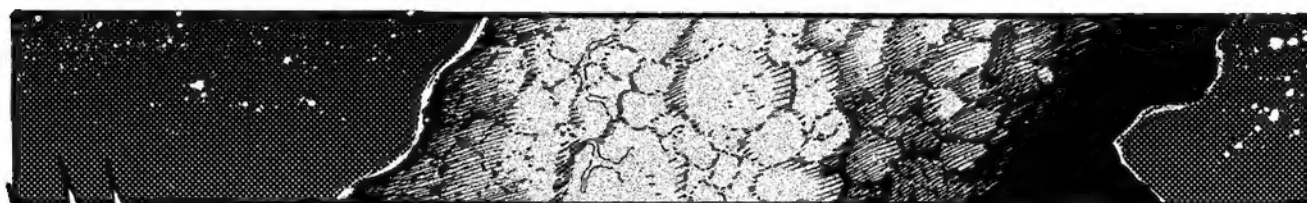
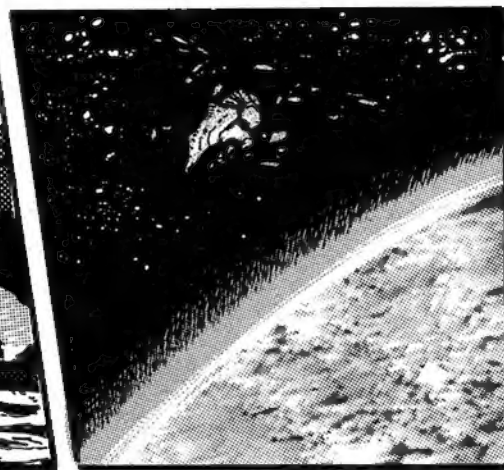
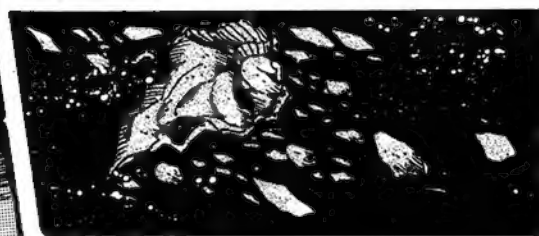
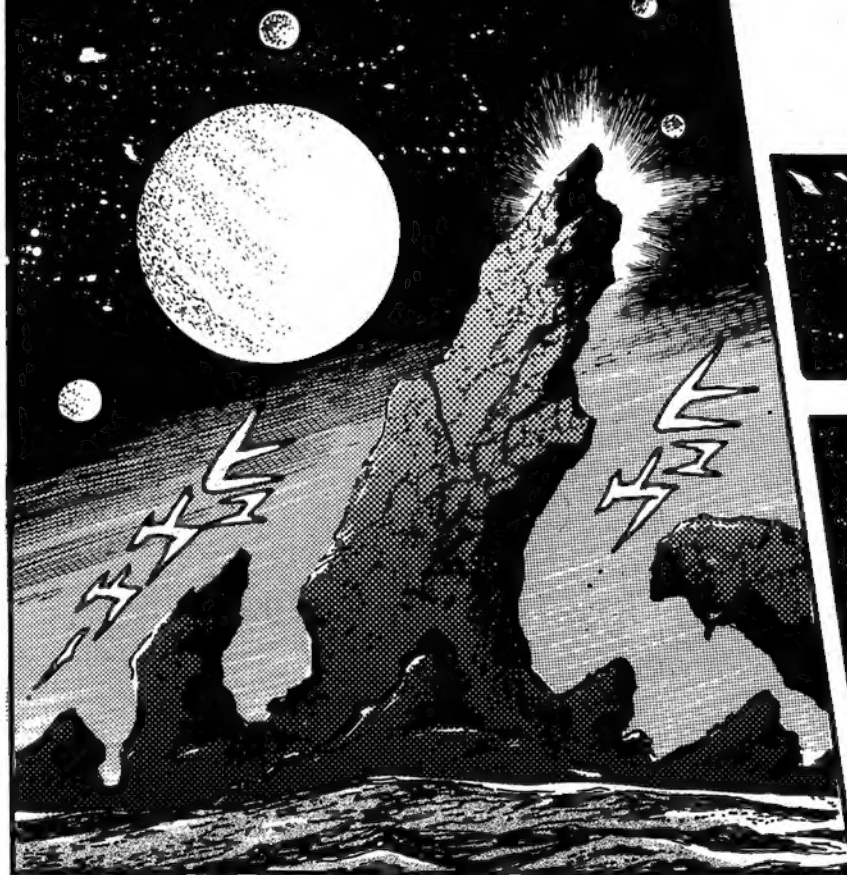


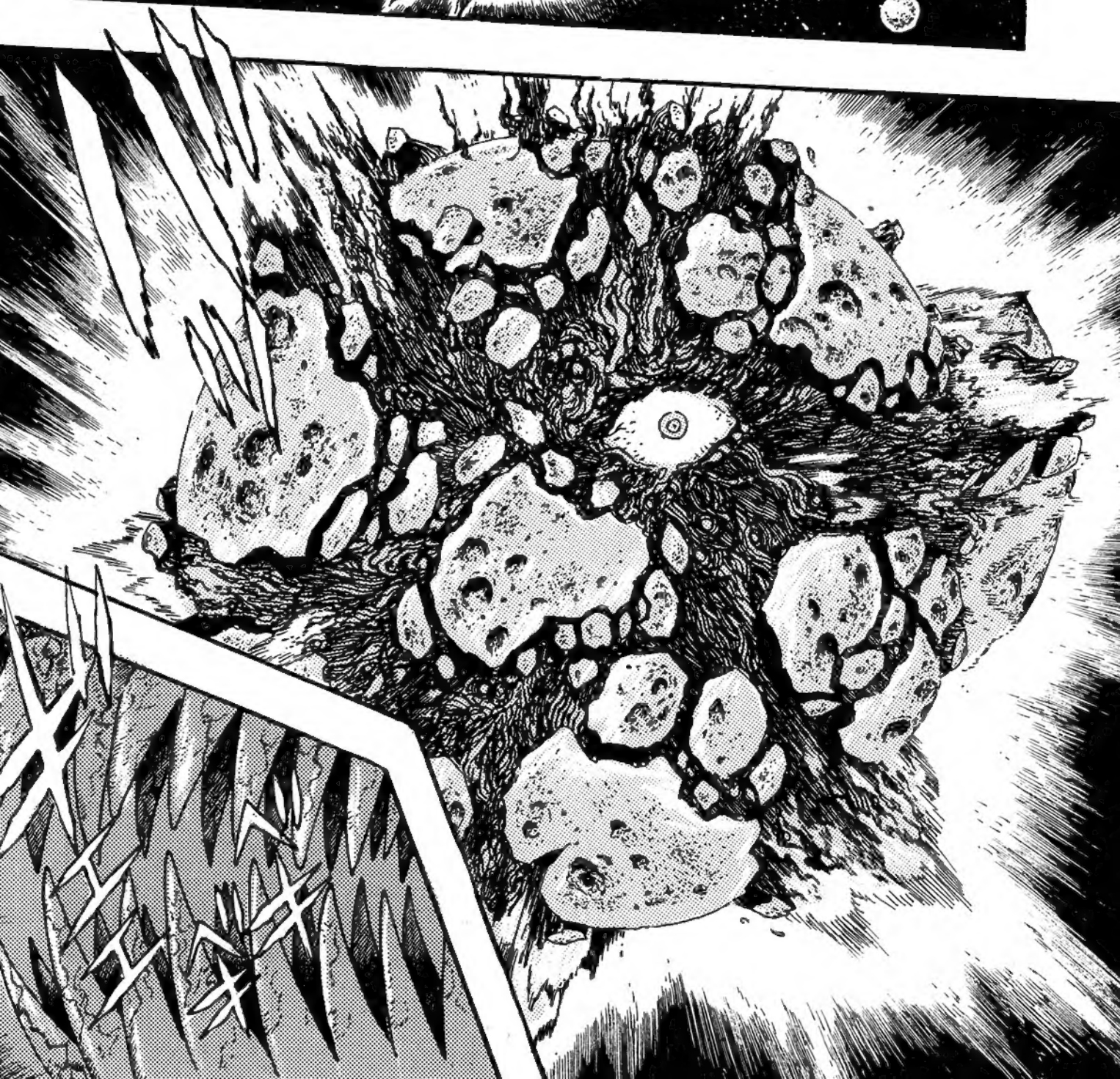






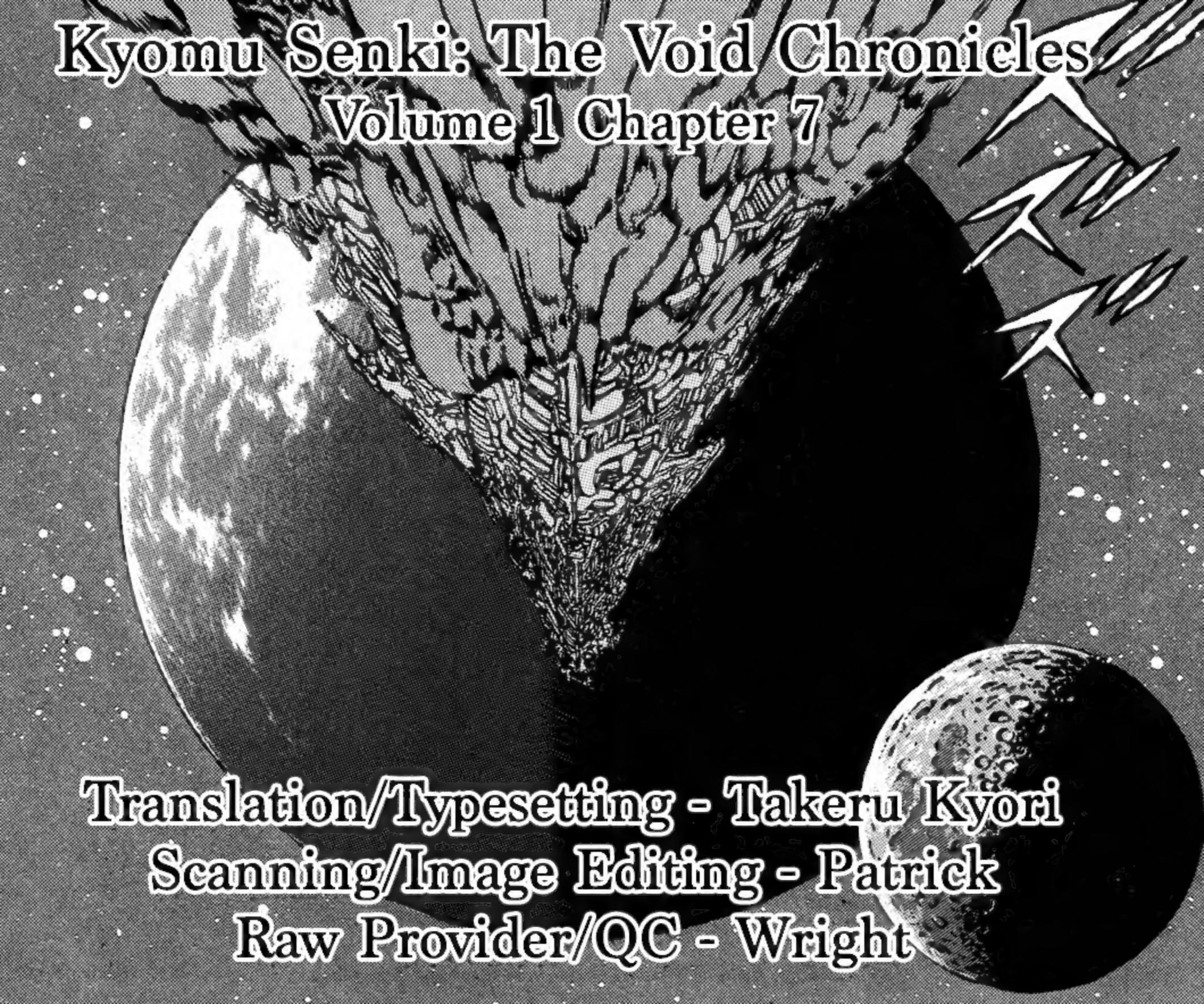
AFTER MANY
MILLIONS OF
YEARS.....
A SPAN OF TIME
THAT'S BARELY
FATHOMABLE...
THE ISLANDS
HAD BEEN
COMPLETED.





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